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## (57) Abstract

The invention relates to a non-aqueous fluorocarbon composition for use in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or radiographic imaging (X-ray or computed tomography), particularly imaging of the gastrointestinal (GI) tract. The invention also relates to an improved fluorocarbon composition with enhanced contrast effects in the GI tract. This invention further discloses an improved fluorocarbon composition having improved palatability. The invention further provides improved preparations for radiographic imaging or MRI. Methods for producing and using such preparations are disclosed, as are methods for improving the palatability of non-aqueous liquids. Finally, methods for improving imaging are disclosed.

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